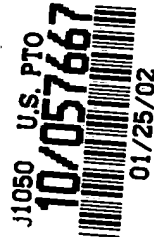


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Sir:

In fulfillment of the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant submits herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98. It is understood that the information provided herein is solely for the purpose of fulfilling Applicant's obligations under the law and should not be construed as nor is it intended to be an admission of prior art.

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**I. UNITED STATES PATENTS**

	<b><u>PATENT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>ISSUE DATE</u></b>	<b><u>PATENTEE</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>
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<i>JHA</i>	4,925,710	May 15, 1990	Buck et al.	Ultrathin-Wall Fluoropolymer Tube with Removable Fluoropolymer Core
<i>JHA</i>	5,108,417	April 28, 1992	Sawyer	Anti-turbulent, Anti-thrombogenic Intravascular Stent
<i>JHA</i>	5,123,917	June 23, 1992	Lee	Expandable Intraluminal Vascular Graft
<i>JHA</i>	5,282,824	February 1, 1994	Gianturco	Percutaneous Stent Assembly
<i>JHA</i>	5,389,106	February 14, 1995	Tower	Impermeable Expandable Intravascular Stent
<i>JHA</i>	5,443,496	August 22, 1995	Schwartz et al.	Intravascular Radially Expandable Stent
<i>JHA</i>	5,466,509	November 14, 1995	Kowligi et al.	Textured, Porous Expanded PTFE
<i>JHA</i>	5,500,013	March 19, 1996	Buscemi et al.	Biodegradable Drug Delivery Vascular Stent
<i>JHA</i>	5,507,771	April 16, 1996	Gianturco	Stent Assembly
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<i>JHA</i>	5,591,195	January 7, 1997	Taheri et al.	Apparatus and Method for Engrafting a Blood Vessel
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JNA 5,824,040	October 20, 1998	Cox et al.	Endoluminal Prostheses and Therapies for Highly Variable Body Lumens
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**II. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

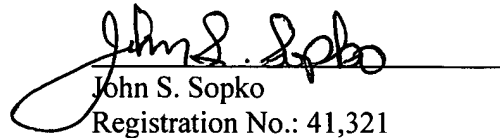
<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>PUBLICATION NO.</u>	<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
<i>JNA</i> PCT	WO 95/05132	February 25, 1995	An Intraluminal Stent Graft
<i>JNA</i> PCT	WO 95/05555	February 23, 1995	A Thin-Wall Polytetrafluoroethylene Tube
<i>JNA</i> PCT	WO 96/28115	September 19, 1996	Endoluminal Encapsulated Stent and Methods of Manufacture and Endoluminal Delivery
<i>JNA</i> PCT	WO 98/00090	January 8, 1998	Stented, Radially Expandable, Tubular PTFE Grafts
<i>JNA</i> PCT	WO 98/27893	July 2, 1998	Kink Resistant Bifurcated Prosthesis
<i>JNA</i> PCT	WO 98/27894	July 2, 1998	Implant Deployment Prosthesis
<i>JNA</i> PCT	WO 99/32051	July 1, 1999	Supported Graft and Methods of Making Same
<i>JNA</i> Germany	DE 19531659A1	March 6, 1997	Spiral Stent

The above-referenced documents are listed on attached Form PTO-1449.

Accordingly, in view of the present submission, it is now believed that the present application is in all respects complete, and in condition for examination and favorable consideration.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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